

Choosing YES to 7C? Read THIS!

Information to help producers decide if their
planned activity is maintenance on the AD-1026
HELC/WC Certification Form

Activities that are NOT Maintenance: Select 7A or 7B

- Repairing a tile blow out AND adding additional new tile at the same time
- Replacing an old clay tile line with new perforated pipe BUT laying out the system in a new configuration
- Cleaning out an existing ditch that has filled in over the years AND placing spoils in “low-spots”, or creating new ditches or making ditches deeper
- Removing trees with stumps and shrubs that are greater than 3” diameter at breast height

Maintenance is defined as the **repair, rehabilitation or replacement** of the capacity of existing drainage systems. This activity allows for the continued use of wetlands currently in agricultural production and the continued management of other areas as they were used before December 23, 1985. A person may reconstruct or maintain the capacity of the original system, or install a replacement system that is more durable or will realize lower maintenance costs.

Typical maintenance activities include:

- Repairing a tile blow out
- Replacing an old clay tile line with new perforated pipe (in exactly the same place)
- Cleaning out an existing ditch that has filled in over the years (and placing the spoils in a known upland)
- Removing blackberries and shrubs along ditches
- Cleaning out existing tile outlets

For more information, please refer to the
Washington NRCS website:

www.wa.nrcs.usda.gov

and click on Conservation Compliance.